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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: Circular Buffer Using  
Grouping for Find First  
Function

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**COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**


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Applicant respectfully requests that these comments be made of record in the captioned case. In the Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner states that the prior art does not teach or suggest a plurality of first control circuits with features as recited in claims 1 and 22. While Applicant does not disagree with this statement, Applicant notes that not all of the claims recite a plurality of first control circuits (see, e.g., method claim 14). Applicant respectfully submits that each claim is allowable for the combination of features recited in that claim.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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